

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, who was introduced by Senator Brownback, and General Gregory S. Martin, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WMD'S

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Duelfer, Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs; and Brigadier General Joseph J. McMenamin, USMC, Commander of the Iraq Survey Group.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Competition, Foreign Commerce, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to natural gas, focusing on the domestic supply and cost for the approaching peak winter months, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Paul Wilkinson, American Gas Association, and Wenonah Hauter, Public Citizen Energy Program, both of Washington, DC; and Gary D. Huss, Hudapack Metal Treating, Inc., Elkhorn, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers.

CURRENT VISA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of current visa policy on international students and researchers, after

receiving testimony from Martin C. Jischke, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Adam W. Herbert, Indiana University, Bloomington; C.D. Mote, Jr., University of Maryland, College Park; Catheryn Cotten, Duke University International Office, Durham, North Carolina; Allan E. Goodman, Institute of International Education, New York, New York; and Marlene M. Johnson, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and Theodore H. Kattouf, AMIDEAST, both of Washington, DC.

EAST ASIA HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine neglected diseases in East Asia regarding public health programs, focusing on malaria, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, and the World Health Organization, after receiving testimony from Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Donald R. Roberts, Professor, Division of Tropical Public Health, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; and Robert Desowitz, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee approved the issuance of additional subpoenas pursuant to the In re Tribal Lobbying Matters, et al. investigation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Robert Allen Pittman, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Administration), and Robert N. Davis, of Florida, Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, and William A. Moorman, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5225–5240; 1 private bill, H.R. 5241; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 510, and H. Res. 824–826, were introduced. **Pages H8407–08**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4667, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project (H. Rept. 108–721, Pt. 2);

H.R. 4887, to adjust the boundary of the Cumberland Island Wilderness, to authorize tours of the Cumberland Island National Seashore, amended (H. Rept. 108–738);

H.R. 4984, to provide that the royalty rate on the output from Federal lands of potassium and potassium compounds from the mineral sylvite in the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be reduced to 1.0 percent (H. Rept. 108–739);

S. 434, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State of Idaho and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes (H. Rept. 108–740);

H.R. 4285, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport (H. Rept. 108–741);

H.R. 4282, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (H. Rept. 108–742);

H.R. 3258, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, amended (H. Rept. 108–743);

H.R. 3207, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 108–744);

H. Res. 556, congratulating the United States Geological Survey on its 125th Anniversary (H. Rept. 108–745);

H.R. 5082, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to public transportation agencies and over-the-road bus operators to improve security, amended (H. Rept. 108–746);

H.R. 775, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant program (H. Rept. 108–747);

H.R. 3755, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to insure zero-downpayment mortgages for one-unit residences, amended (H. Rept. 108–748);

H.R. 5163, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide the Department of Transportation a more focused research organization with an emphasis on innovative technology (H. Rept. 108–749, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3242, to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops, amended (H. Rept. 108–750, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 827, providing for consideration H.R. 10, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination (H. Rept. 108–751);

H. Res. 828, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–752); and

H. Res. 829, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–753).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Isakson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by the Rev. John J. Ryan, Pastor, St. Brendan Roman Catholic Church in Ormond Beach, Florida.

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Justice for All Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 5107, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 497.

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Agreed to the Sensenbrenner amendment (printed in H. Rept. 108–737) that changes provisions to allow a victim a right to bring a motion to enforce the right to be heard in plea, sentence, and parole proceedings.

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H. Res. 823, the rule providing for consideration of the rule was agreed to by voice vote.

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